

Unheralded Star of Series
Is Whiteman, of Champions

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Government Hurls Bombshell
Into Our Football EnthusiastsWHITEMAN IS
BEST IN SERIES

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Though the recent series for the world's baseball championship is not compared in class with those gone before, even that of 1917, many of the old-fashioned rules held true. Stars touted to the skies before the series as certain to gladden proved flimsy. Comparatively unknown, and surely unheralded, athletes received all the glory.

George Whiteman, who alternated in the outfield with Babe Ruth, was the brightest individual star of all. He got four singles and a triple in twenty times up, saved at least two games with marvelous catches, and won the deciding game with a line drive that Max Flack dropped in a Snodgrass.

Charlie Hollocher, pride of the Cubs' infield, expected to show up Scott, proved a bad flier. He hit for 100, getting three of his four hits in one game, and his fielding was not as remarkable as that of Scottie.

Pick Plays Well.
Charlie Pick, grabbed from the fading Pacific Coast League to patch up a weakened infield, hit for 339 in the big series, the best of any of the Cubs, and was generally the most valuable man in the infield of the National League contenders.

Babe Ruth appeared in three games and came to bat five times. He got one hit, a thunderous triple that won a game, but his average was .200. He looked better as a pitcher than he did as a hitter, winning two of his team's four games. Carl Mays won the other two, pitching fine ball.

"Stuffy" McInnis was as good as ever. His so-called "home play" in the fifth game was excusable. He tried to tag Hollocher after taking a snap bag only to find the runner at second base.

Killifer a Fizzle.
Bill Killifer, the Cubs' catcher, appeared in all six games and did not look as good in any particular as his two opponents, Agnew and Schanz. He hit for 118, though one of his two hits won a game. Schanz hit .444 and caught quite as well as Killifer. Agnew failed to hit at all, but his throwing and catching was smooth.

Leslie Mann's outfielding was fine, especially in the fifth game, which he saved by a spectacular catch. His hitting, too, was good, two doubles and three singles being his lot in the six games.
The pitchers all did well. "Tiny" Vaughn was especially entitled to applause for his fine hurling in three games, one of which he won in masterly fashion.

TUERO IN LEBANON

LEBANON, Pa., Sept. 13.—Oscar Tuero, formerly a member of the pitching staff of Branch Rickey's St. Louis Cardinals, has joined the Lebanon team of the Bethlehem Steel League, and has accepted essential employment at the Lebanon plant of the Bethlehem company. Tuero has been pitching professional ball for four years. He was a member of the Wilkes-Barre team, champions of the New York State League in 1917, in which he was purchased by St. Louis and farmed to Little Rock, Ark. After winning eleven straight games for Little Rock he was recalled.

Had No Sympathy
For Injured

When Leslie Mann, leader of the Chicago branch of the World's Series Union of Professional Baseball Non-Workers and Non-Fighters, was hit on the leg with a pitched ball by Carl Mays, and fell to the ground, a fan in the stand at Fenway Park roared in stentorian tones:

"Cut it off!"
That's how much sympathy there was in the crowd.

'HUGE' FULLERTON
HAS A TOUGH TIME

Doping out a world's series weeks ahead of time proved perilous sport for that pipe dreamer, "Huge" Fullerton, of Chicago. He had the teams playing at the Cubs' park in Chicago and gave the Mitchell team the victory in six games. He was right as to the number of games played, that's all.

The Cubs didn't win the first game, 5 to 2, with Vaughn facing Bush, as Fullerton said. It was Ruth's victory over Vaughn, 10 to 0.

Tyler didn't beat Ruth, 1 to 0, in the second game. He beat Bush, 3 to 1. Jones didn't pitch the Red Sox to a 6 to 1 win over Hendrix in the third, for Mays hung up a 2 to 1 victory over Vaughn.

"Huge" picked a 3 to 2 score for the fourth game, with Vaughn beating Mays and Ruth, but as it happened Ruth and Bush beat Tyler and Douglass by that very score.

Ruth didn't win the fifth game from Tyler, 5 to 2, for Vaughn chose that day to shut out the Red Sox, 3 to 0, and Jones was on the hill against him.

Vaughn didn't win the sixth game from Bush and Jones, 4 to 2, for that was the day Mays beat Tyler and Hendrix, 2 to 1.

Outside of these few differences, "Huge" may have been right, maybe.

MUST ASK PERMISSION

In the future Harry Greb, the middleweight, and Johnny Ray, the lightweight, both attached to the training ship Recruit in Union Square, New York, will not be allowed to engage in any bouts unless they receive special permission from the commander of the ship. Greb had to call off his bout with Jack McCarron at Philadelphia and Ray had to cancel his bout with George Chaney at Atlantic City.

THEY ARE MATCHED

A match has finally been clinched between George Chaney, the hard-hitting lightweight of Baltimore, and Lew Tendler, the best lightweight in Philadelphia. They were signed up last night by Matchmaker Frank O'Brien to meet for six rounds at a special show to be staged at the National A. A. of Philadelphia on September 18.

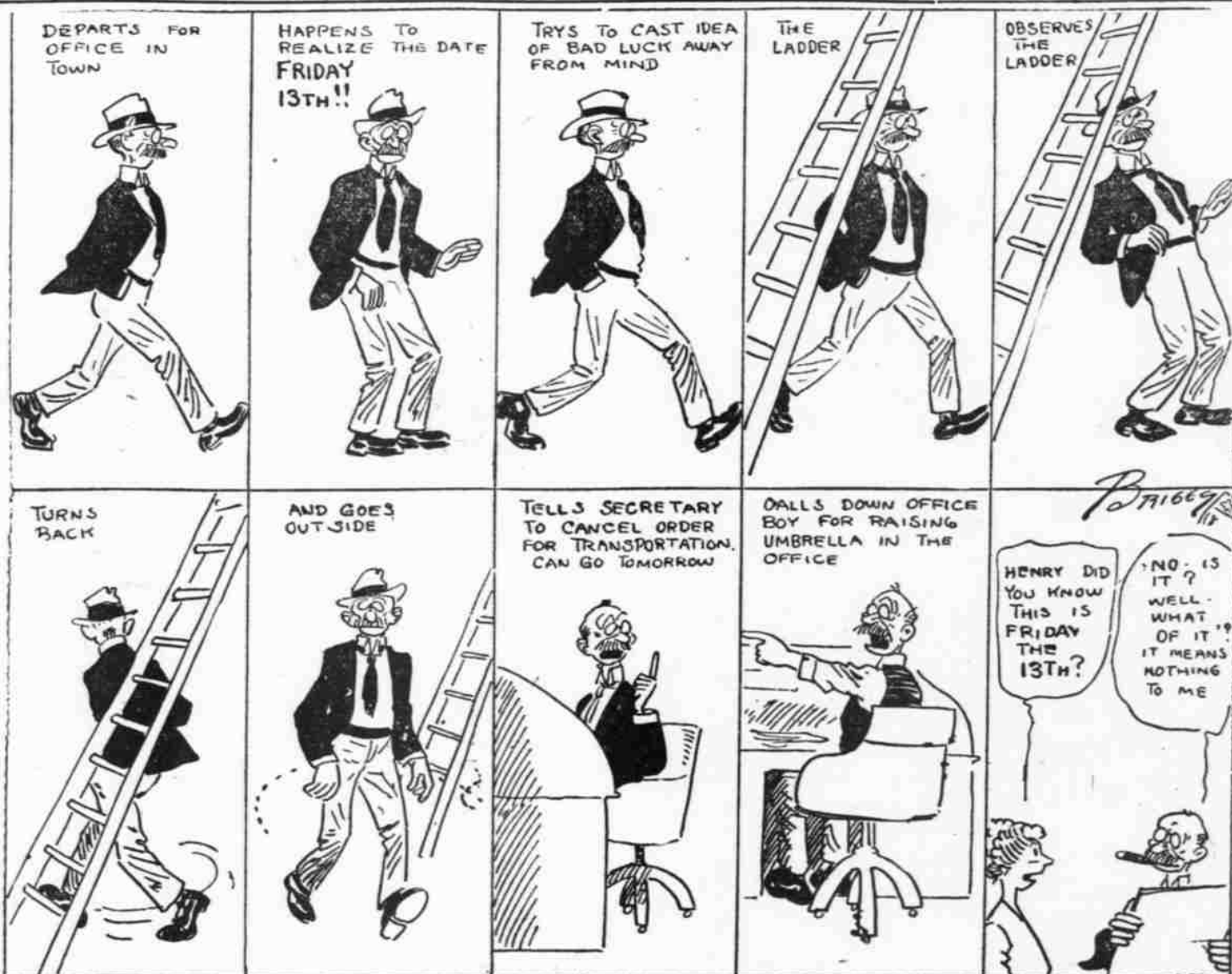
INTERSTATE SURPRISES.

Interstate sprang a big surprise on the Ship Emergency tennis team in the Departmental League yesterday by taking all five scheduled matches.

Movie of a Superstitious Man

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LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

With baseball gone to its temporary sleeping quarters for the duration of the war, Washington sport lovers are beginning to turn most of their attention to racing. The Havre de Grace meeting, now on, is the first of the season over the Maryland mile tracks. As the weeks go on, the ponies will gradually come closer to the Capital until everybody will be at the track.

This has been a great race season, both with the runners and the horses. Records have fallen everywhere. Mostly track marks, but a record of twenty-six years' standing has been smashed—that of a mile formerly held by the great Salvo.

Toward the close of the Saratoga meeting Roamer ran away from his pace and traveled a mile in 1:34 4-5, lowering Salvo's mark of 1:35 1-2, made August 28, 1890, at Monmouth Park over a straight course. It was freely claimed by those witnessing Roamer's work that he might have done better had he been forced.

Then, within a couple of weeks, Sun Briar, star of the Willis Sharpe Kilmer stable, ran a specially timed mile over the Saratoga track in 1:34 flat for another world's record.

On the same day with Sun Briar's record, a world's record for trotting to wagon was twice smashed at Syracuse, N. Y. In 1894, twenty-four years ago, Roseleaf and Sallie Simmons covered a mile in 2:15 4-5. Wednesday in the first heat at the Grand Circuit meeting in Syracuse Woodlawn Girl and Hilda Andruson did it in 2:12 1-4, only to lose the glory in the third heat when Roy Miller and Lucy Van covered the distance in 2:10 1-4.

When the race historians sum up the season of 1918, they will have wonderful tales to tell, and what Maryland's tracks have yet to offer may figure in the final summing up.

New Deal Is Needed.
Undoubtedly, if professional baseball is to return with the ending of hostilities, a new deal will have to come along with it, according to those best informed of present conditions. The Ban Johnsons and the Garry Hermanns will have to disappear. The money-grabbing players will have to pass from sight. The talent of money will have to be removed, if the public is to be retained in support. The newspapers will "have to be shown." If they are to devote costly space to the deeds of the diamond, much water will flow over the wheel before the game even attempts to come back. In that time radical action should be taken. If not, professional baseball will pass away—for how long, none can tell.

Clark Griffith, himself a magnate, but for years an active player, has maintained at all times the honesty of the players, and his attitude is borne out in Boston, where the players offered to give all the receipts of the 1918 world's series to the Red Cross, only to have the National Commission and the magnates decline with thanks.
"No matter what happens, you'll always find the player cleaner and more in love with baseball as a game than the magnates are," Griffith has said to me more than once. The Boston squabble seems to bear him out to the letter.

Good for Willie.
It is cheerful reading that the District draft board has allowed Willie Hoppe his deferred classification without fear of the "work or fight" order. In addition to ruining the world's most remarkable billiardist by compelling him to do a common laborer's toil, for which he is physically unfitted, his draft board would have taken many dollars away from the Red Cross, as Hoppe is to play in the future only for the benefit of this war fund.

It is a close line, that between amusements and Willie Hoppe's exhibition of sport. Actors are entertainers and so is Hoppe, as those who have contended for his title can prove. In all his life Hoppe has never done anything but play billiard. He knows nothing else. But he sure does know billiards, and the Red Cross is the benefit by his wizardry.

Couldn't Help It.
"No wonder them Cubs couldn't beat the Red Sox for the world's championship," says Swampoodle Iete, "didn't they have that Jim, Fred Merkle, on their team? That guy's played in five world's series now on three different teams and hasn't been with a winner yet. Get me?"

Are They Interested?
Our soldiers overseas may not be interested in what the big leagues have been doing here, but that they

are wildly excited about their own games is proved by almost every letter received by the folks at home. I have seen a letter from Maurice S. Rosen, a Washington boy in the ambulance service in France, and it's worth telling you something of what he writes. Here's some of it:

"We finished a five-game series of baseball today, winning, 5 to 2. On the series we won three and lost two. I understand the baseball equipment that we have sent to us by the Clark Griffith Bat and Ball Fund (through the Red Cross). It has given us great exercise and pleasure and everything now is baseball. We have a 'reporter' covering our games and after supper his paper, 'The Morning' comes out kidding everybody about his playing. A little of the comment is as follows:

"Glynor (1b.) played wonderful ball—between innings."
"Gurt (rf.) accidentally ran all over the lot until a fly ball fell into his glove."

"Dunkley (2b.) was so good with his talk that he just naturally talked himself out of the game."

"With two men on bases, two out and three and two on the batter, Manager Mac gave us five francs to call the next pitch a strike. It was. The umpire will recover in a few weeks."

"A grounder jumped up and hit Rosen (ss.) in the face. Poor ball, it surely gets a hard knock now and then."

"Just that crazy stuff comes out nearly every day, and it helps to make things more cheerful."
"We lost our biggest game of the season yesterday to the St. Engineers. Lieut. Crowell (Philadelphia Americans) beat us by a score of 3 to 2. His team wasn't so very good but he pitched a good game and it was the best pitch we have had against this year. Remember him with the Athletics a few seasons ago?"

"Don't have to worry about the morale of young men who write of such things. Compare this with letters captured on Germans."

NEARS ITS CRISIS

The affairs of the St. Louis National League Club will come to a head by February, according to Ed Ray, the well-known St. Louis critic. Subscribers to the \$60,000 or more raised to tide the Cardinals over their recent difficulties, have received circulars announcing the issue of the second deed of trust, or the equivalent thereof, for \$75,000, dated July 15, and payable with interest January 15, 1919, covering their assessment. In addition thereto the proviso is attached that \$15,000 more, to enable the club to stagger through the winter, will be issued. This also will be in note form, dated January, 1919.

This means that in addition to the \$125,000 still due Mrs. Britton, the club will have to settle a second indebtedness of about \$90,000 with interest. This falls due in midwinter and will find a treasury, the bottom of which seems to have already been scraped. The deed provides that the property shall be sold in case of non-payment, and unless more "angels" can be found, the Cardinals club will be knocked down to the highest bidder, early in February, or twenty days after January, to be exact.

WHY TIGERS FAILED

Detroit players and writers say that the spring trip taken with the Reds was wholly responsible for the downfall of the Tigers. It would be sadly remembered that the Detroiters put it all over the Reds, mauling them in a fizzle and winning almost every game by repeated home runs. That trick may have whipped the Reds, but it also whipped the Tigers. They regarded it as the height of fun and good exercise to hit soaring flies over the fences of the little parks where the games were played, they all began practicing that sort of stuff, and when they got into the regular schedule they couldn't stop it.

As a result they lofted huge flies all summer—flies which would have won their games in little parks, but were simply wasted energy on the major fields.

Enoch Crowder Would
Never Bother a Club
Made of These Stars

Here are plans for a club to go through next year's campaign, and yet be counted as wholly "essential and productive." Good offers will be made to Coffey, of Detroit; Hogg, of Philadelphia; Haddock and Trout, of the International League; Lamb, of Joplin; Godfred, of the Coast League, and the two Wheatons of Brooklyn. With the conservation problem thus attended to, some essential workers can be signed up for the club—Baker and Miller, of the Yankees; Farmer, of Cleveland; Gardner, of the Athletics; Weaver, of the White Sox; Barber, of the Cubs; Cooper, of Pittsburgh, and Sawyer, of Minneapolis. Butler, of St. Paul, wanted to join, but it is feared that butlers will be ordered to work or fight before next spring. Cook, of St. Paul, and Kitchens, of Minneapolis, are thought perfectly eligible. The morais of the new, essential club will be looked after by Bishop, of Baltimore, and Church, of the Coast League. To make the very ballyard productive, besides planting the two kinds of Wheat in the gardens, Higbee, of Pittsburgh, will be engaged to manage an aply near the flagpole. With this club, an excellent quality of ball can be offered to the fans, while the high authorities will doubtless encourage such a team. P. S.—Kopp, of the Athletics will be engaged to keep order at the ball yard.

BOMBHELL BURSTS
FOR FOOTBALL MEN

A bombshell has been hurled into the ranks of those colleges planning football campaigns for 1918 by the announcement by the Government that athletics will not be allowed in the slightest way to interfere with the students' army training corps, and advising the suspension of all intercollegiate competition.

Georgia Tech's squad is already at work. Pennsylvania was to report Monday, but the call has been held up until further information can be obtained. Pittsburgh is in a quandary, but says nothing. Tufts announces a cessation of all football. Meanwhile the Army and Navy eleven, who do not play each other, continue their gridiron practice, even though they may find themselves without opponents.

WILL HOLD REGATTA

Washington Canoe Club is offering a canoe regatta and swimming and diving events for women tomorrow afternoon at Aqueudet Bridge. The events start at 3 o'clock.

Entirely close ties with Reginald Rutherford at Union Trust Company and Harry T. Knight, Washington Canoe Club.

TOURNEY IN PROGRESS.

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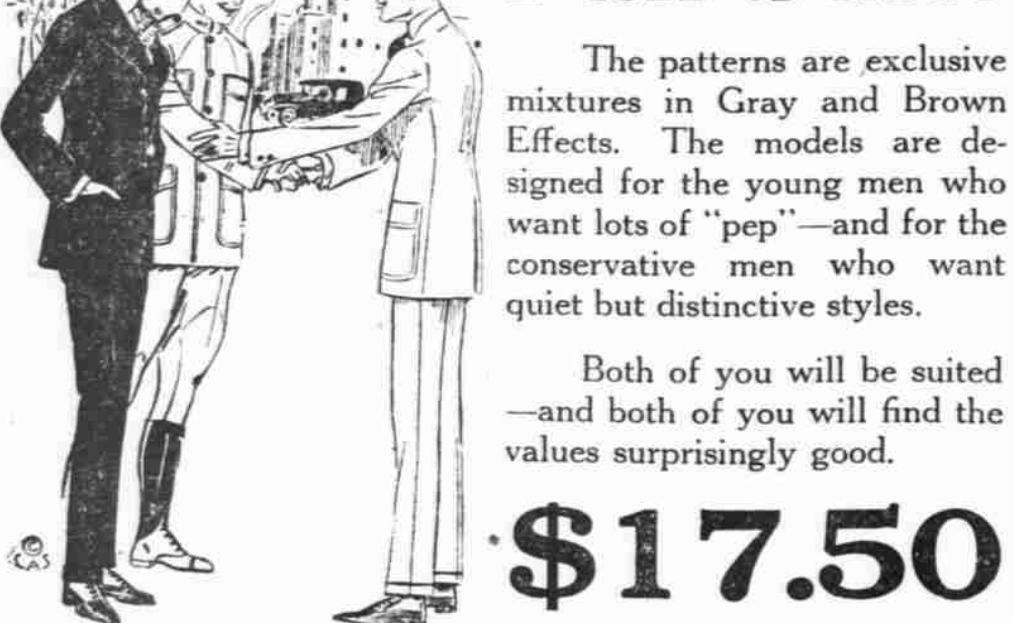
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